

Forbes Lake Trail and Park Improvements

City of Kirkland, Parks and Community Services

Public Meeting #3, December 4, 2008

City:

Parks and Community Services
Michael Cogle, Park Planning and Development Manager
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Consultant:

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1. Thirteen community members attended and signed in at the third public meeting, an informal format open house, for the Forbes Lake Trail and Park Improvements project.
2. **Discussion:**

Boardwalks Removals

Can the City remove portions of the existing boardwalk along the north/east lake shore on City park property? What about at Lake Kirkland Park condos shoreline?

Response: Michael Cogle will review options and maintenance issues. Some Parks staff want the dead end boardwalk section removed. The Lake Kirkland Park Condos boardwalk must stay according to the development agreement administered by the Planning Department.

Funding

Funding will come from impact fees and real estate taxes – dedicated funds are in place for a little over \$1million for 2010 construction.

Parking

In addition to the parking shown off of 124th, consider future parking when the berm comes out.

Response: We will look into it but, this is not likely due to restrictions at wetland buffers and other limitations.

Hazard Tree

Remove the leaning cottonwood tree near the property line where one fell earlier, along the Lake Kirkland Park condos/Forbes Lake East Park border.

Response: Parks staff will review onsite.

Against wetlands

Disagreement from South neighbor Mr. Hauge counter to opinion from Adolfson about marked wetlands and need for protection. Would like park-like development, dry areas and picnicking with lawn edge at lake shore, rather than wetland boardwalk and wetland protection.

Response: Draining, filling, or disrupting wetlands like that is not desirable and NOT allowed by Federal, State, and Local laws.

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Continued:

Lake Kirkland Park Condos residents all restated approval of the preferred plan showing reduced public access with no bridge inlet crossing. They requested more safety and police support following concerns about 3 break-ins, 1 stolen car, and fire on boardwalk.

Another view was expressed in favor of the original Alternative A showing a footbridge at Forbes Lake East to complete the link and provide more connections.

Lochshire past and current Board presidents attended and approved the plan. They asked for increased police security patrols. They are seeing fewer thefts and car break-ins than in past years, but still have concerns.

Boats?

Citizens said that people will drive to the new parking lot with car-top boats/kayaks and hand launch at the inlet.

Response: Michael Cogle said Parks will not encourage this and may add barriers and restrictions.

ADA Wheelchair Access

ADA access will be planned throughout, but topographic surveys may show that standards will be impossible to meet in certain areas.

Next steps

City of Kirkland Park Board review on January 14, 2009
2009 permitting plans and final design
2010 construction